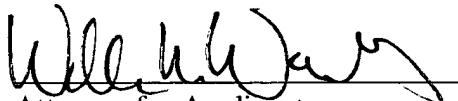


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The paragraph starting at page 8, line 3 and ending at page 8, line 8 has been amended as follows.

--Figures 7(A) through 7(C) are [Figure 7 is] sectional views illustrating a toner supply container mounting operation, wherein Figure 7(A) [(A)] shows an initial stage of the mounting operation, Figure 7(B) [(B)] shows the state in the process of mounting operation, and Figure 7(C) [(C)] shows the state after the completion of the mounting operation.--

The paragraph starting at page 8, line 24 and ending at page 9, line 1 has been amended as follows.

--Figures 12(A) through 12(C) are [Figure 12 is a] side views [view] of a sealing member according to an embodiment of the present invention, wherein Figure 12(A) [(A)] is a front view, 12(B) [(B)] is a side view as seen in the direction X of Figure 12(A) [(A)], and Figure 12(C) [(C)] is a side view as seen in the direction Y of Figure 12(A) [(A)].--

The paragraph starting at page 9, line 8 and ending at page 9, line 13 has been amended as follows.

--Figures 15(A) through 15(C) are [Figure 15 is a] partially sectional views [view] illustrating engaging action of a drive transmitting portion of a toner bottle, in which Figure 15(A) [(A)] shows a state before insertion of toner bottle, Figure 15(B) [(B)]

shows a state in the process of insertion, Figure 15(C) [(C)] shows a state after the completion of inserting operation.--

The paragraphs starting at page 9, line 19 and ending at page 10, line 4 have been amended as follows.

--Figures 18(A) through 18(C) are illustrations [Figure 18 is an illustration] of phase alignment when the toner bottle is inserted into the main assembly of apparatus wherein Figure 18(A) [(A)] shows a state in which an engaging rib and an engaging projection are aligned with each other, Figure 18(B) [(B)] shows a state in which they are not aligned after rotation to a certain extent, and Figure 18(C) [(C)] shows a state in which the engaging rib is abutted to the engaging projection to enable drive transmission.

Figures 19(A) through 19(C) [Figure 19] shows a sealing member according to an embodiment of the present invention, wherein Figure 19(A) [(A)] is a left side view, Figure 19(B) [(B)] is a front view, and Figure 19(C) [(C)] is a right-hand side view.--

The paragraphs starting at page 9, line 10 and ending at page 9, line 24 have been amended as follows.

--Figures 21(A) through 21(C) illustrate [Figure 21 illustrates] the drive transmitting portion of Figure 20 during a toner bottle inserting operation, wherein Figure 21(A) [(A)] shows a state before insertion of the toner bottle, Figure 21(B) [(B)] shows a state

in the process of the inserting operation, and Figure 21(C) [(C)] shows a state after completion of the inserting operation.

Figures 22(A) through 22(C) illustrate [Figure 22 illustrates] disengagement action at the drive transmitting portion of the toner bottle, wherein Figure 22(A) [(A)] is before disengagement, Figure 22(B) [(B)] is in the process of disengagement, Figure 22(C) [(C)] is after completion of the disengagement action.

Figures 23(A) through 23(C) are [Figure 23 is a] sectional views [view] of a sealing member according to a further embodiment of the present convention, wherein Figure 23(A) [(A)] is a side view, Figure 23(B) [(B)] is a front view, and Figure 23(C) [(C)] is a sectional view.--

The paragraphs starting at page 11, line 1 and ending at page 12, line 4 have been amended as follows.

--Figures 25(A) through 25(C) are illustrations [Figure 25 is an illustration] of disengagement action at the drive transmitting portion of the toner bottle, wherein Figure 25(A) [(A)] is before disengagement, Figure 25(B) [(B)] is in the process of disengagement, and Figure 25(C) [(C)] is after the completion of the disengagement action.

Figures 26(A) and 26(B) illustrate [Figure 26 illustrates] a sealing member according to a further embodiment of the present invention, wherein Figure 26(A) [(A)] is a side view, and Figure 26(B) [(B)] is a sectional view taken along a line X-X.

Figures 27(A) through 27(D) show [Figure 27 shows] a driving portion engageable with the sealing member of Figure 26 according to a further embodiment of the present invention, wherein Figure 27(A) [(A)] is a front view, Figure 27(B) [(B)] is a side view, Figure 27(C) [(C)] is a sectional view taken along a line C-C of Figure 27(B) [(B)], Figure 27(C) [(C)] is a sectional view taken along a line D-D of Figure 27(A) [(A)].

Figures 28(A) through 28(C) illustrate [Figure 28 illustrates] engaging action between the sealing member of Figures 26(A) and 26(B) [Figure 26] and the driving portion of Figure 27, wherein Figure 28(A) [(A)] shows a state in which the toner bottle is being inserted, Figure 28(B) [(B)] shows a state in the process of insertion, and Figure 28(C) [(C)] shows a state after the completion of insertion.

Figures 29(A) through 29(C) illustrate [Figure 29 illustrates] disengagement action after the engagement shown in Figures 28(A) through 28(C) [Figure 28], wherein Figure 29(A) [(A)] is before the disengagement, Figure 29(B) [(B)] is in the process of the disengagement, and Figure 29(C) [(C)] is after completion of the disengagement action.

Figures 30(A) and 30(B) are [Figure 30 is a] sectional views [view] of a sealing member according to a further embodiment of the present invention, wherein Figure 30(A) [(A)] is before disengagement, and Figure 30(B) [(B)] is in the process of disengagement.--

The paragraph starting at page 12, line 8 and ending at page 12, line 9 has been amended as follows.

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--Figures 32(A) through 32(C) show [Figure 32 shows] a sealing member according to a modified embodiment of Embodiment 2.--

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